

## ABSTRACT

A system for composing a report, comprising:

- 5       data processing means for receiving and  
processing data;
- data input means for use by a user to input data  
for transmission to said data processing means;
- a visual display for displaying data by said data  
processing means;
- 10       wherein said data processing means is operable:
  - 1) to display data indicative of a plurality of  
sets of data or databases;
  - 2) to receive data from data input means  
indicative of a selection from said sets of data or  
15   databases;
  - 3) to respond to the receipt of said selection  
from said sets of data or databases by immediately  
displaying data indicative of categories of data contained  
in said selection from said sets of data or databases;
  - 20   4) to receive data from data input means  
indicative of a selection from said categories of said  
data;
  - 5) to respond to the receipt of said selection  
from said categories by immediately displaying data  
25   indicative of said selection of categories in the form of  
at least one control screen having, for each of said  
categories, a position menu for controlling a position in  
said report to be occupied by said respective category of  
data and a sorting menu for controlling a sorting priority  
30   to be assigned to said respective category of data;
- wherein said system is thereby controllable by  
said user to generate a report on the basis of a  
respective setting assigned to each of said respective  
position and to each of said respective sorting menus by  
35   said user.